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***Raised Bill No. 997***

LCO No. 3195

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-342a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) [Until June 30, 2006, the] The Commissioner of Social Services  
4 shall, within available appropriations, establish and operate a state-  
5 funded pilot program to allow no more than one hundred fifty persons  
6 who are sixty-five years of age or older and meet the eligibility  
7 requirements of the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly  
8 established under section 17b-342 to receive personal care assistance  
9 [as an alternative covered service to home health services in order to  
10 avoid institutionalization, provided the average annual cost to the  
11 state per recipient of personal care assistance under the pilot program  
12 does not exceed the average annual cost to the state per recipient of  
13 home health services under the home-care program] provided such  
14 services are cost effective as determined by the Commissioner of Social  
15 Services. Persons who receive personal care assistance services

16 pursuant to the pilot program established by section 47 of public act  
 17 00-2 of the June special session shall be included as participants of the  
 18 pilot program established pursuant to this section. Personal care  
 19 assistance under the program may be provided by nonspousal family  
 20 members of the recipient of services under the program.

21 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the  
 22 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation  
 23 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care  
 24 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the  
 25 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the  
 26 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

27 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to  
 28 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a  
 29 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services  
 30 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by  
 31 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and  
 32 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

33 (d) Not later than January 1, [2006] 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
 34 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint  
 35 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 36 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select  
 37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 38 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of  
 39 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in  
 40 accordance with section 11-4a.

41 Sec. 2. Section 17b-342b of the general statutes and section 47 of  
 42 public act 00-2 of the June special session are repealed. (*Effective from*  
 43 *passage*)

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following<br>sections: |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-342a  |
| Sec. 2    | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-342b, PA 00-2 of the<br>June Sp. Sess., Sec. 47<br>repealed |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve the administration of the personal care assistance pilot programs operated by the Department of Social Services.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*